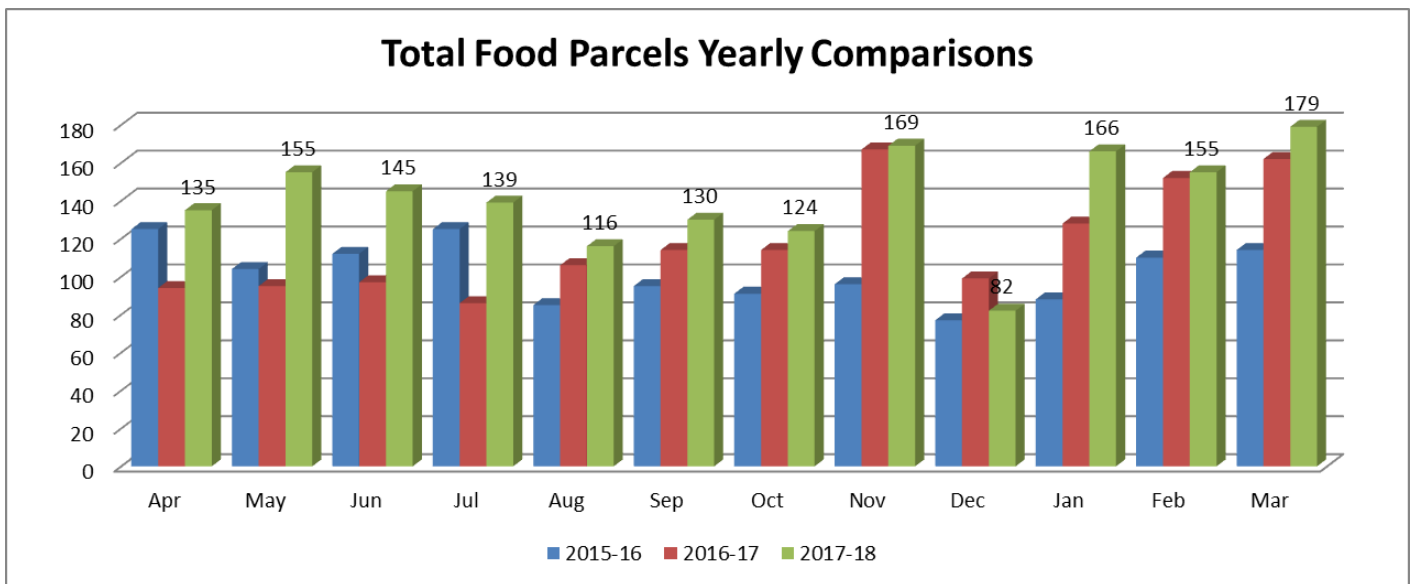


"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

March 2018 – End of Financial Year



With the exception of December every month this past year has exceeded the previous two years in terms of food parcels delivered. December was actually higher when the 500 Christmas parcels are taken into account.

Gordon Hamilton wrote:

"To those who gave so generously I just want to thank you so much

*As we have delivered our parcels we have seen tears of joy and happiness along with sadness and fear for the future
We cannot do everything but we can do something and that is to let people know that someone cares."*

A New 'Home' for the Need Project



A new place to call home was the year's biggest news. The sense of it being the right thing to do was confirmed by some generous donations.



Need Project Centre, High Street Stotfold

Stotfold is, of course, where it all began for The Need Project and is still the centre of things for us.



Space for storage and space to meet. Luxury!

Statistics

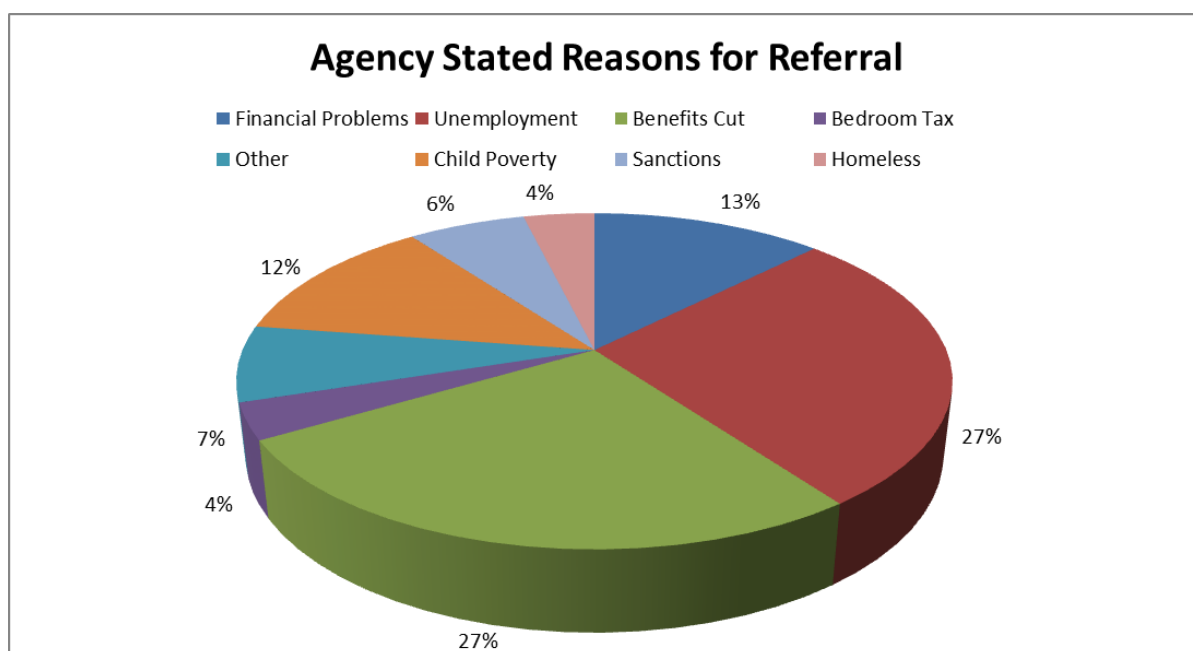
Christmas Statistics	2017	2016
Total Families	487	401
Total Adults	705	616
Total Children	760	663
Est. Parcel Value	£60	£60
Est. Total Value of "hampers"	£29,220	£ 24,060

Adults & Children Served

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults
Totals (yr)	975	996	481	2300

Served By Each Distribution Hub

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	253	21
Sandy	240	20
Stotfold	434	36
Shefford	277	23
Biggleswade	185	15
Marston	54	5
Out of Area	303	25
	1746	



Benefits cut, withdrawn or not given and unemployment are the main causes of need. Often these two lead to the other reasons for referrals.

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

In addition to food parcels, we have been busy helping those in need of furniture and other household items. What we can supply is dependant on what is donated at any one time. The total for the year with conservative estimation of the second hand values is below.

Items	Totals
White Goods	29
Beds, single, double, bunk	81
Bedroom Furniture, Furnishings	37
Lounge Furniture, Furnishings	60
Misc &, Baby Equipment	48
Bedding	69
Estimated Value	£14,597.00

Actual Items Includes	Totals
Cookers	3
Fridges/ Freezers	12
Suites/Sofas	19
Washing Machines	12
Microwaves	2
TV's DVD Players	11

Special Thanks

Our Volunteers. The volunteer situation is so important to the running of the project and for that I am so grateful. The hours and hours that people put into the need project is amazing To name everybody involved would inevitably miss someone out and we wouldn't want to do that. You know who you are and more importantly the Lord knows your servant hearts and is blessed. All of the people who are involved in the need project have been given a special gift to be part of something that in its own way makes a big difference to people's lives in our local community and we should treasure it always.

There's a Cost

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail: admin@theneedproject.co.uk.

Lots of small monthly donations can become a big amount of funding every month. Annual or one-off donations are good too. Together we can make a difference.

Our objectives

To relieve persons in Central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. Providing food parcels to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.
2. Providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.
3. Developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.

Our values

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs (or none). We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

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